



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 1501:31-3-09 Commercial fish catch reports.

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(A) Every commercial fish licensee, except trap net or trotline fishermen using seventy hooks or less, shall keep an accurate daily record of his catch upon a report form furnished by the division of wildlife, and shall monthly submit such report to the division of wildlife whether he fishes or not. If a licensee does not fish in a month, he shall state such fact upon his catch report for that month. Trap net licensees shall keep an accurate daily record of their catch on an electronic catch reporting system as established by the chief of the division of wildlife. The licensee shall pay the cost of the electronic equipment, operating costs, installation and maintenances of these devices and any replacement thereof.

(B) The daily report form entitled "Daily Report of Commercial Fisheries in Lake Erie" shall be kept for a seining operation, at the seine grounds when fishing is in progress. If a trap net licensee is fishing with more than one boat, he shall keep an electronic catch reporting system on each boat and submit all reports to the division of wildlife as specified by law. The report shall be kept accurate and legible at all times.

(C) An estimated weight of quota species of fish taken by fyke or trap net shall be entered into an electronic catch reporting system immediately after each net lifted. All of the estimated weights entered in to the electronic catch reporting system shall be electronically transmitted after lifting the last net, or at least one half hour prior to landing at the dock listed on the license. When setting or removing nets, an electronic report detailing the activity shall be transmitted at least one half hour prior to landing at the dock listed on the license.

The estimated weight of harvest entered into the electronic catch reporting system shall be within ten per cent of the actual weight of harvest for quota species.

(D) An estimated weight of non-quota species of fish taken by fyke or trap net shall be entered into an electronic catch reporting system prior to entering a different grid. All of the estimated weights entered in to the electronic catch reporting system shall be electronically transmitted after lifting the



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last net, or at least one half hour prior to landing at the dock listed on the license.

(E) A violation of this rule shall be a violation of section 1533.42 of the Revised Code.

(F) All definitions set forth in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code shall apply to this rule.